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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON CYPRUS

1. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE RESUMPTION OF CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS, RESISTING STRONGLY ANY ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS TO ANOTHER CHANNEL. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD STRONGLY RESIST MOVE IN THE COUNCIL EITHER (A) TO CALL FOR AN OUTSIDE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SUCH AS THE SOVIET UNION PROPOSED EARLIER, WHICH PROPOSAL WE BELIEVE MAKARIOS IS LIKELY TO SUPPORT; OR (B) TO SEND A SECURITY COUNCIL MISSION TO CYPRUS.

2. WE ASSUME THAT MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, TO HEAR THE PARTIES FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND A FURTHER FINAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE SHOULD RESERVE OUR STATEMENT FOR THE LATER MEETING. OUR STATEMENT SHOULD FOLLOW LINE TAKEN BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN
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JERUSALEM ON FEBRUARY 13; DRAFT IS BEING SENT TO YOU SEPTTEL.

3. IN THE FIRST STAGES OF NEGOTIATING A RESOLUTION, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN DRAFTING A RESOLUTION. IN CONSULTATIONS YOU MAY INDICATE THAT FOLLOWING ARE GENERAL

ELEMENTS OF A RESOLUTION WE COULD SUPPORT (BUT DO NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE RESOLUTION LANGUAGE);

A. REAFFIRMATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND UNITY OF CYPRUS;

B. DEPLORING THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUOTE INDEPENDENT FEDERATED TURKISH STATE IN CYPRUS UNQUOTE.

C. SUPPORT RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNIAL NEGOTIATIONS.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT CYPRUS MIGHT SAY THAT IT IS NOT READY TO RENEW THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS AT THIS STAGE, AND URGE A SECURITY COUNCIL MISSION. ALTHOUGH SUCH A PROPOSAL MIGHT HAVE SOME APPEAL FOR SOME NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE APPARENT TURKISH DESIRE TO KEEP COMMUNIAL TALKS GOING AND GREEK CAUTION ABOUT THIS MEETING SHOULD HELP MILITATE AGAINST EASY ADOPTION OF SUCH A PROPOSAL. INGERSOLL

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